



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas

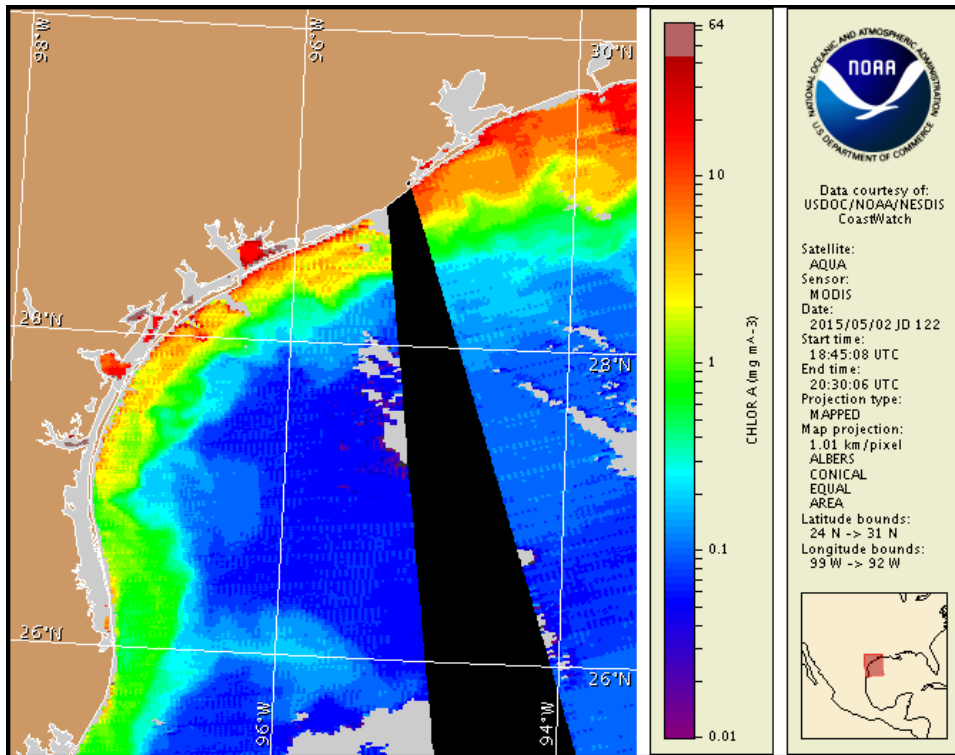
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s), when applicable. Points represent cell concentration sampling data from April 24 to 30: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

Detailed sample information can be obtained through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at:

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/hab/redtide/status.phtml>

To see previous bulletins and forecasts for other Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin regions, visit the NOAA Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecast System bulletin archive:

<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/bulletins.html>

Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as Texas red tide) along the coast of Texas. No respiratory irritation is expected Monday, May 4 through Monday, May 11.

Check http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/beach_conditions.html for recent, local observations.

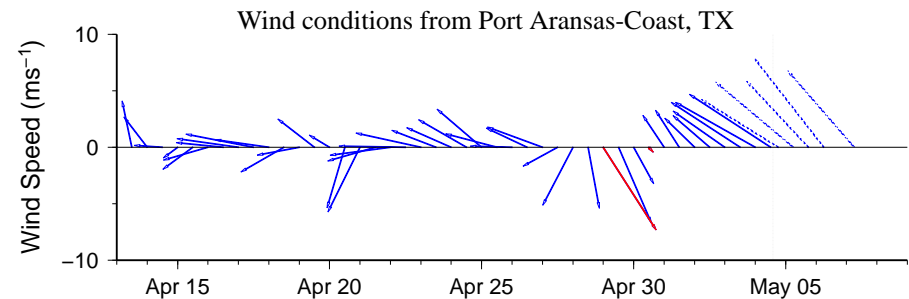
Analysis

Updated *Karenia brevis* cell concentrations from the Texas A&M University's Imaging FlowCytobot, located on the Port Aransas ship channel, are not currently available. The most recent concentrations from 4/13 to 4/18, indicated that *K. brevis* ranged between 'not present' and 'background' (TAMU). For information on area shellfish restrictions, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services.

MODIS Aqua imagery (5/2, shown left) indicates elevated to high levels of chlorophyll ($> 6 \mu\text{g/L}$) along the Texas coast from Sabine Pass to Baffin Bay. Elevated chlorophyll is not indicative of the presence of *K. brevis* and is most likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments along the coast.

Forecast models indicate a potential maximum transport of 5 km south along the coast from Port Aransas from May 2-6.

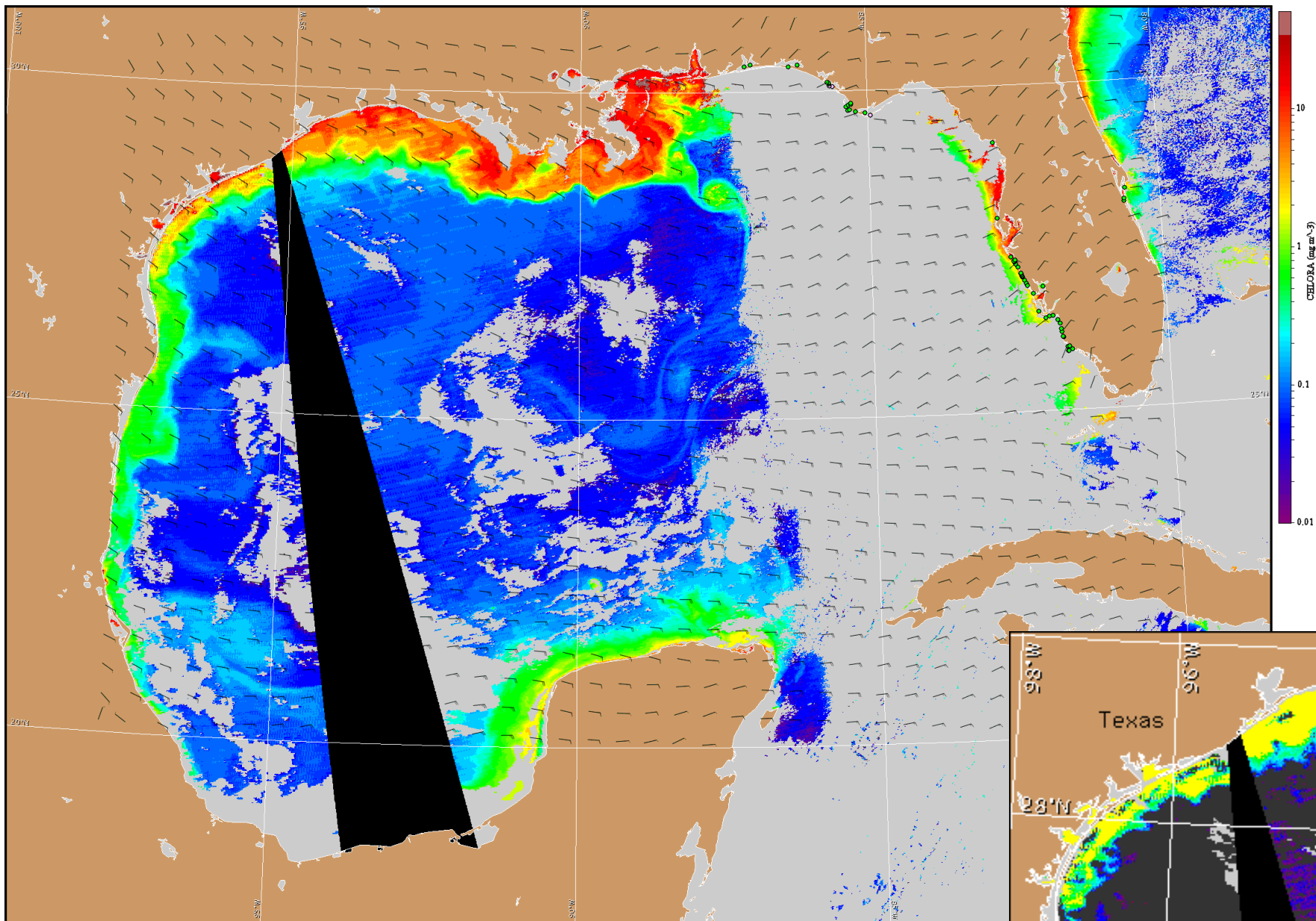
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

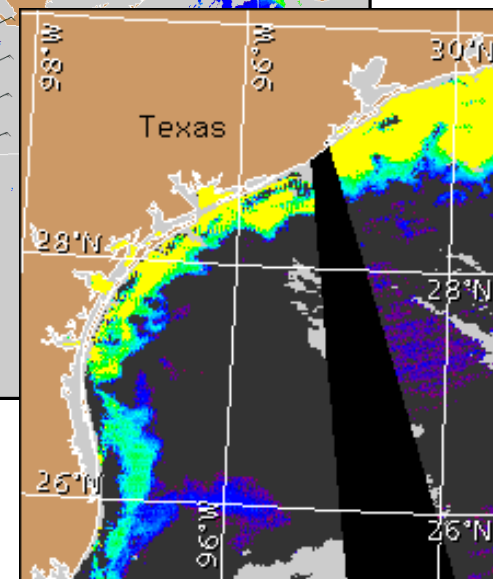
Wind Analysis

Port Aransas: Southeasterly winds (15-20 kn, 8-10 m/s) today through Friday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for May 5, 2015 06Z with points representing cell concentration sampling data from April 24 to 30: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).